

Meeting Date: July 24, 2008

Agenda Item No. 24

Agenda Item: Region 7 – Turner donation

Approved by: GS

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Background:

This 1.5 acre donation is located on the Salmon River directly adjacent to the Department's Red Rock access site. The parcel will provide expanded fishing and camping access adjacent to the Salmon River. In addition, it will provide opportunities for wildlife viewing and interpretation as well as some riverside cottonwood habitat.

The Department will incur about \$3500 in due diligence costs to accept the donation with some additional operations costs (<\$500) to maintain the site.

The property was previously presented to the Commission during Executive Session in May 2008.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy issues:

Land acquisition in accordance with Commission land acquisition policy.

Public Involvement Process:

County commissioners have been notified and support the acquisition. The public will be informed and contacted for their input regarding management of the property.

Staff Recommendation:

The Lands Committee recommends proceeding with the acquisition.